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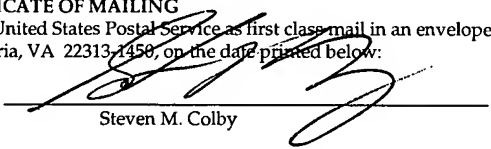
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In response to the Office Action of September 28, 2004, Applicants request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the remarks below.

**Listing of Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.